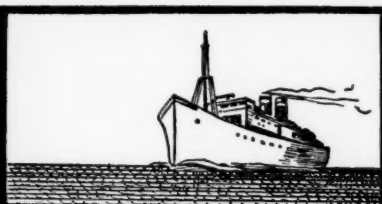




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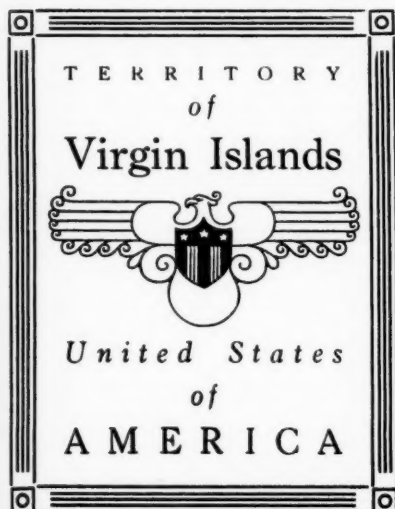


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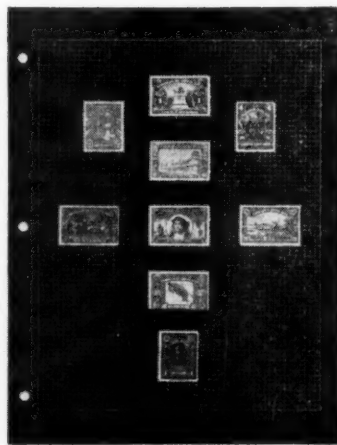
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United States Proofs

A READER writes inquiring as to the source of U. S. proofs, "where and when sold," etc. In this article we cannot go into the many details, usually of interest only to the specialists, but have attempted to cover the subject in a general manner.

Proofs of U. S. postage stamps have never been available to the general public except indirectly. Most copies in the hands of collectors today, originally were presented to some official, engraver or other person connected with the issue of that particular stamp. The commonest source is from presentation booklets given to various prominent personages at important gatherings, such as Universal Postal Union conventions, etc.

Only in recent years have U. S. proofs come to any prominence, chiefly through lack in former years of definite information on them. The issues of the '70s were common, so common that often they were sold as space fillers for the stamps themselves. The quantities of these issues may be accounted for by the lavish government tendencies at the time, and stamps were a minor form of gift to visitors to department officials and congressmen. Sets of proofs were freely given, and after the demonetization of the department stamps themselves, these too were given away, usually to children accompanying visitors. Farley was doing things in a trifling manner when he sold the imperf sheets. Back in the '70s they gave such things away, resulting in such ungummed material being classed as proofs.

There are two general classes of proofs: Die Proofs and Plate Proofs. Die proofs occur as singles only, usually on a panelled card into which the single impression has been sunk. The master die for a stamp is engraved on a small piece of steel and during the various stages of engraving the die, proofs are taken. All proofs, it might be mentioned, are noted for the brilliancy of the color, usually exceeding the stamp as issued in that respect. This is because the proofs are made very carefully by hand, and sometimes only one impression out of several is kept, the others being destroyed when not perfection. Because they can only be made one at a time,

and by hand, die proofs are much scarcer than plate proofs. Since 1898 only die proofs have been made by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing for distribution to officials. The Bureau is supposed to have a file of proof sheets of every plate it has ever made, but none of these is known outside the files. When private contractors manufactured stamps, die proofs were freely distributed both by the government and the companies. Since 1898, almost the only copies getting into collectors' hands have been from the samples kept by the engravers, of their work. The last such lot came from the estate of the last engraver to be permitted to keep a die proof of each stamp he engraved. Most of the die proofs of recent years are owned by the government and the Philatelic Agency in its display room has shown such items as the Parks set, 16c Airmail-Special, etc. These are beautiful examples of the stamps, each being good for an album page in itself, but unfortunately they are destined never to reach private hands. A visit to the Agency room and to the Bureau to see these exhibits is recommended to all collectors who chance to be in Washington.

Plate Proofs are proofs made from the entire plate as ready for use in printing stamps. Sometimes the plate proof can only be distinguished from the issued stamps themselves with difficulty. This has made a wide field of counterfeiting of valuable stamps by forgers taking a proof of little value, thinning it and after perforating, passing the finished article as the stamp itself. Usually the plate proof can, like the die proof, be readily distinguished by the brilliancy of the color, sometimes being an entirely different shade from the issued stamp. Being made from the entire plate, blocks are common among plate proofs and it is from these proofs that most of our knowledge of plate varieties, makeup, and imprint of the early United States issues has been obtained. Plate proofs are known on cardboard as well as the usual India paper and perhaps to discourage their possible use for postage most of the proofs in circulation are on card. Had Postmaster Farley chosen to give the famous presentation sheets instead of collecting face value from the

recipients, much of the hue and cry would have been unnecessary, and the sheets so given would have had the status of proofs. As far as the writer knows, the government has never sold any proofs, but those who had the necessary political connections years ago, could obtain proofs without a great deal of trouble.

Despite the fact that proofs are our stamps' little sisters who enter the house of philately by the side door and with as little noise as possible, they are the most colorful sideline of U. S. postage extant. For attractiveness they far exceed the regular issues and it is regretted that they aren't available to all. Perhaps it's just as well that they aren't for the Bureau would be working nights to meet the demand.

In conclusion it might be noted that some die proofs of recent issues are in non-government hands. At the Harding home at Marion, Ohio, may be seen proofs of stamps issued during President Harding's administration; at Fremont, Ohio, may be seen in the museum at President Hayes' home (Spiegel Grove State Park) a die proof of the 11c Hayes, a treasure apparently little appreciated by the curator as it is exposed to the open rays of light and shows the effects; at Bennington, Vt., may be seen the drawing for the Vermont Sesqui stamp and, if I recall correctly, a proof. At other museums may also be found proofs and philatelic items of similar nature. What examples do you personally know of?

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The cry of "speculation," "too many stamps," etc., is heard continually at stamps meetings, but we wonder if these things just don't take care of themselves. Stamp papers of the 1860s, when the hobby was young indeed, decried these same "evils." No matter how much we boycott an issue today, it all is forgotten and softened with the passing years. We recall the hue and cry over the U. S. commems of 1927 and the claims then that too many were being held—yet today there is no such surplus of any of them and in fact they are so widely distributed by now that large quantities are decidedly uncommon. The serious collector would do well before making any charges against current issues, to look over a series of Scott's catalogs for some years and note how each year the black sheep of philately become a little paler until at last they stand as equals to other issues whose parentage was not a scandal. For a star example take a Scott's of say 1926, turn to St. Kitts-Nevis, 1923 Issue, and read the footnote: "This issue is unnecessary and rankly speculative, being avowedly issued to raise funds for a public park and cricket field." A blistering indictment for sure. But look at the 1938 footnote: "Nos. 50 to 62 were commemorative of the tercentenary of the founding of the colony of St. Kitts." To the new collector, that issue looks as desirable as any others of the colony. It is time that collectors realize that the time to act is when the undesired issue is still in process of manufacture. It does us no good to shout ourselves hoarse after the stamps have been issued. All things considered it would be almost impossible to control even in a general manner the issuing of stamps. The greatest difficulty to overcome is the attitude of the general public and government officials that the issuing of stamps is a very minor part of government and if they wish to play with them there are few to protest. Our own U. S. are star examples of this attitude. What to do? Just collect those you want and every one of us be our own censor. And boiled down, this last is the best of all schemes, for our pocket-book and common sense acts as a brake when needed. Perhaps there is too much speculation and not enough real collecting, but the speculators really form a minor element of our hobby and do little harm to anyone except themselves. What matter if Baluchistan #66 does drop 40% in price tomorrow? Won't those Terra del something or others you bought a year ago so cheaply and which have since jumped so high more than offset, what after all is said and done, is really only a loss on paper? You still have the stamps you bought and that's what you were buying, not stocks. What really is needed in this land of ours is more collections taken out of shoe boxes, stock books and other hoarding places and mounted in albums. The man or woman who keeps their stamps in such miscellaneous hiding places misses one of the best pleasures of the hobby—mounting your collection. Try it!

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Evidently nothing will ever come of the prize contest for a design for the 1-cent United States Postage Stamp as staged by the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department.

More than a month ago, winners of the contest were announced along with the prize winning designs. More than eleven hundred entries were received, but in scanning carefully the winning design as selected by a competent board of review, the best that was offered was indeed disappointing. In fact, as pointed out in this column last week, the winning design strangely resembled the recent Edward VIII stamps of Great Britain.

A check up with the Post Office Department reveals the fact that the Pro-

curement Division has failed to turn over the prize winning design or any other of the designs "in the money" to the P. O. Can it therefore mean that Procurement has definitely decided that it has found that it has no place in the philatelic unit of the Government?

No information has been given out by the Post Office Department relative to the subjects used on the new regular series other than that those Presidents of the United States who have never been portrayed on United States postage stamps in the past, will be honored. What denominations will picture what presidents have not been decided.

From all indications, it appears as though the new regular series will not be issued until well after the new year. Such a heavy stock of 1937 commemoratives are on hand that should the regulars appear early, these will be of the high denominations, from the 6-cent up, and of the newly rumored 4½-cent denomination, which is expected to be incorporated in this series for the first time.

The 4½-cent stamp will be used mostly in the mailing of those small cartons of church envelopes. The Post Office has indicated for a long time that such a denomination is not only practical, but will be used extensively in all sections of the country.

According to an announcement by the Post Office Department, 320,334 Hawaiian postage stamp first-day covers were canceled at the Honolulu post office on Oct. 18, the date on which the stamp was first placed on sale. First-day sales at the Honolulu post office on that day amounted to \$28,049.13, representing 934,971 stamps.

Sales of the Honolulu stamp at the Philatelic Agency of the Post Office Department here, October 19, totalled \$18,350.95, which figure represents 628,365 stamps.

Plate numbers for the Alaska special stamp soon to be issued by the Department are 21714, 21715, 21716 and 21717. The designer for the Alaskan stamp is Victor McCloskey, and the engravers are William B. Wells, lettering, and Carl T. Arlt, picture.

It has also been announced that the Post Office Department has ordered an additional printing of five million Virginia Dare commemorative stamps.

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By MARSHALL B. HALL.

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The Argonauts also will sponsor a cachet for the launching of the new submarine Sturgeon, and the deadline is Nov. 30. Covers as outlined above to Clark for this event, also. Clark writes, too, that all Navy Day covers went out on schedule and the cachet, which I saw, was a dandy.

A cachet for Thanksgiving Day will be sponsored by Russell A. Court, 7262 Greenway Dr., St. Louis, Mo., and it will receive a double cancel. He will also sponsor a cachet for Christmas, to be mailed from five ships. He writes that a number of covers which were sent off for Fleet Week have never been returned, and in this connection all collectors should note that no matter what care sponsors take, a certain number of covers seem invariably to get lost or mishandled. For the cachets noted here, send covers early and include forwarding postage.

Paul Parris, our Topeka sponsor who likewise is quite a hobbyist in many other lines, writes that his covers sent to the Stewart have come back and are going forward to their owners. No word yet of the Mississippi.

This column will be missing next week, as I am going to be attending the Investment Bankers convention in White Sulphur Springs and cannot get any late cachet news down there. But, back on the job week after next.

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Editor's Notebook

PRESENTING THE EDITOR My name in Linn's is not a new one, having appeared as occasional contributor since the first volume. From time to time I sent short notes and stamp stories which George generally seemed to think worth printing. Then, too, that I've had some confidence in George's ability to put the paper across under difficult conditions, is shown by my ownership of stock certificate #1 of Linprint, Inc. In general, though, my contacts with the paper have been like yours, on the reader's end of things, but as a printer I have fully realized the great deal of time and work that has been devoted for some years to place this paper in the lead in circulation among American stamp papers.

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Though I am fairly well known to many of you in this area, I realize I am practically a stranger to most of you. Time will change that, I hope. Perhaps you would like a rough idea of your new editor, so I will try to briefly cover my interests in stamps. I've collected stamps ever since grade school days and have made collections of many types. Have been an active member of the Rubber City Stamp Club for some 12 years, holding various offices and am currently their Prexy, though I'm liable to impeachment for deserting them on the eve of their Annual Party next month. Am also a member of several other northern Ohio stamp clubs and attended meetings as often as possible. Have always had a liking for a collection that's "different," resulting in my accumulating some sideline volumes that certainly are "different"—almost too much so. Have in turn collected general foreign, precancels and airmail covers, but dropped each as it got too bulky to carry further. Right now, the collection I like best seems to combine the best features of all three. This, for lack of a better title, I call "Philatelic Believe it or Not," and with all the new issues for odd reasons appearing, I never lack for new material. It answers my own opinion of what is the best type of collection—one that is never completed, yet has a steady flow of new material to keep up interest. Such things as the birthday "surprise" set for Latvia's President, the Nicaragua map stamp causing threat of war, etc., all find a place in this collection. Being also one of that species known as a "railway fan," I have combined this with a collection of Railway Post Office cancellations. Since to try to collect all is not very practical, this collection is limited to markings of Ohio routes, all narrow gauge and trolley offices. Your editor, armed with camera, may be seen in out-of-the-way carbarns and round-houses, snapping rolling stock and mail trains when possible. The photos with timetables, tickets, etc., are mounted with the covers and the result is a collection that is endless in variety of mounting and material. Certainly there are no investment possibilities in this, but there is all the activity and disappointment of "attic dusting." A good example of how elusive some items can be is your editor chasing Ohio's only mixed train with R. P. O. for some 15 miles in order to snap it on a trestle on a rare day when the train wasn't mixed, i. e. no freight cars. That picture is with a cover in my album now! To add further variety to my collections, may I mention being the possessor of some volumes of Turkish covers and postal stationery, as well as some other "sidelines." So you can see that with my collecting such a mixture, I shall have to be tolerant of what you collect.

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A recent visitor to the Linprint office was Chas. Ethington and his son Billy, of Enid, Oklahoma.

Zeppelin Stamps

are the most popular of all airmail issues. These stamps are in great quantities because collectors buy them up whenever they come out. For investment they have no equal. For example there is the famous U. S. Zeppelin set which originally sold for \$4.55 and now sells for more than \$40. The Graf Zeppelin stamps, originally selling for a few marks, now bring many dollars. The most outstanding of all these stamps is the Von Hindenburg Zeppelin stamp which commemorates the greatest air tragedy in history. These stamps are extremely scarce and are fast disappearing from the market. We offer the last German Hindenburg Zeppelin Stamp, the scarce 75pf, which usually retails for 45c for only 10c to approval applicants. Rush your dime and take advantage of this outstanding offer. Sorry, only 1 stamp to each person.

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No Commem Precancels

Up until now the Post Office Department has been content only to discourage the precancelling of commemorative stamps. Under date of Oct. 25th, the Second Asst. P. M. G. has ordered that any commemoratives now in stocks of postmasters that have already been precancelled, shall be returned to Washington for redemption and destruction. It remains to be seen, however, if this is obeyed, as little as the previous orders not to precancel commems.

Golden Gate Expo. Cachet

For the first voyage to Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay, scene of the coming exposition. This will be a specially printed envelope, limited to two per collector, and name and address together with stamps for use as postage on the covers should be sent the Cachet Dept., San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce. Cachet shows map of the Bay district. Event to be staged Nov. 21, 1937.

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Due to the short notice given on the Alaska stamp, most dealers are puzzled by the problem of getting service on a quantity of covers as time was too short to make arrangements with the few Alaskan collectors known. One dealer wrote the Acting 3rd Asst. P. M. General, asking if the rule limiting the Juneau postmaster to servicing not more than ten covers could be modified for this one occasion. Under date of Oct. 12th Acting 3rd Asst. Roy North replied suggesting that the dealer contact other dealers who had advertised the covers in stamp papers, as "this office is unable to furnish the names of any dealers in Juneau who are soliciting this business." Mr. North made no definite comment on the proposal that the "limit of 10" rule be suspended for this first day.

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Pittsburgh Meeting

The South Hills Stamp Club, Pittsburgh, is holding its annual meeting, exhibit and banquet, Nov. 11-12-13. The club meets twice a month at the South Hills Y. M. C. A. and further particulars can be obtained from the Publicity Chairman, Gerald E. Born, 231-33 Brownsville Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Butler County Exhibition

This affair will be held in connection with the Butler County Philatelic Society's second annual Open House, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20-21. The General Chairman is J. Garland Marks, 222 Franklin St., Butler, Pa., from whom further information may be obtained.

Third Hudson Valley Exhibition

This event will be staged at the Hotel Campbell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 19-20 in observance of National Stamp Week. A trophy will be awarded to the participating club winning most awards. The Chairman is L. T. Whitney, 11 Lexington Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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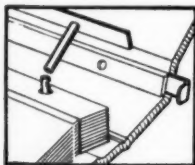
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LANSING 51

In the note in Gunesch's Handbook it speaks of a clerk saving about fifty copies that were returned and trading them to a western dealer. Adding that these are probably all the copies now existing in collections. My little foray with these items will prove that this is not exactly true but does not alter the facts enough to warrant any change in price. In one of my expeditions to the local paper mill one day I came upon, in an opened bale, about seven or eight copies, all creased, of this elusive item. Even at that time, as I remember it, the stamp was not common and all the collectors needed it. Of course I twiddled away all the duplicates in trade and realized perhaps one-tenth of the price of one copy now, for the six copies that I had. The last one I traded off was a poorly centered and repaired copy that I reclaimed from the junk box and got nearly as much for it in trade as I did the six. This was just a few months ago. So is life. Remember the old saying about foresight and hindsight, well that fits me.

LISTEN TO THIS

Sid Shayman shows me some of his recent pickups. Here are some of the headliners: A 1/2c Elgin, Ill. in U-16 double; an 8c 1923 perf. 10 Los Angeles in U-13 double; a 1c new style due from Pontiac, Ill., mimeographed; a 20c double up from New Orleans in its usual electro; 4c Taft from Birmingham in the type like the old buro, double printed; one of the pseudo double buros from San Francisco on the 8c B-13; a block of six Waco, Tex., 5c ord. precancelled

in the large rubber handstamp type used there, with the bottom two stamps additionally overprinted in U-122. For color stuff there is a 9c and 11c Hanover, Kans., in U-53 in bright violet and a 7c and 8c Belvidere, Ill., in U-87. Alex LaRoche of Waymart, Pa., sent me a lot, too, most of which were items in the metal handstamp styles. I note a 1/2c and 1c Baton Rouge in U-121; a 3c Stuart from Corinth, Miss., in U-120; Shillington, Pa., in the 13c and 14c U-121, an unlisted type; a 6c Grand Junction, Colo., in U-121 and a 10c and 15c special delivery from Upper Darby, Pa., in U-121 were other outstanding items. Also noted an Electric Eye item from Camden, N. J., in U-2. You too have lots like the above. Let me tell the other fellow about them for you.

NOTES

Lawrence Bros. sent me two fine 2c Army and Navy items from Delta, O., in U-122 reading across. They also sent me a 1c C. of P. from Bellevue, O., in U-120 down.—A card from Al Jones, the precancel man from Wabash, and he says that the South Bend 79s are just about as scarce as Memphis 79s.—Have a tip that perhaps the 1c Walloon exists from Akron, Ohio, in its city type coil style U-97. Will verify this later.

Collectors Club New Home

On October 6th, the Collectors Club held their first meeting in the new four-story permanent home at 22 E. 35th St., New York. The goal towards which the membership had been striving for many years was thus reached. The building when finally remodelled and furnished and ready for use cost a total of \$64,000 and includes much space needed for various activities. The library has now ample room to include the many volumes and has recently been enriched by a large collection donated by one of the members.

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ROUMANIA—1937 Eighth Balkan Games Commemoratives. Photogravure, sheets of 50 (10x5), wmkd. crown and monogramma, perf. 13. Upright rectangular format, 28x33:

- 1L. plus 1L. violet (sprinters)
- 2L. plus 1L. green (Javelin throwing)
- 4L. plus 1L. red-orange (hurdling)
- 6L. plus 1L. chocolate (end of race)
- 10L. plus 1L. pale blue (high jump)

(R. Roberts)

RUSSIA—Commemoratives. In honor of the 10th anniversary of the death of F. E. Dzerjinski. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 12. Upright format, 26½x23mm:

- 10K. yellow-brown
- 20K. deep blue-green
- 40K. claret
- 80K. deep carmine

(R. Roberts)

SALVADOR—Air Post Stamps. Regular issue of 1935, overprinted in red "AERO" in light faced letters within a frame, unwmkd., perf. 12½:

A133—15c. dark olive-bistre

Provisional. Air Post Stamp of 1935, surcharged with new value in light faced figures in frame:

AP7—30c. on 55c. blue

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

SAN MARINO—Miniature Sheet. Since the issuing of miniature sheets appears to have become the fad, this small republic cannot be blamed for following the example of larger countries. A special 5 lire stamp has thus been issued to celebrate the unveiling at San Marino on June 13th, of the Roman Column from the Roman Forum, a gift from the City of Rome, to commemorate the Independence of the Republic. We are informed that only 60,000 of these sheets were printed and the plates were destroyed immediately following the printing:

5 lire—light blue (base of the column)

(L. A. Russell)

SPAIN—Miniature Sheet. Commemorating the 1st anniversary of the National Movement. Wording below the stamp "PRIMER ANIVERSARIO DEL ALZAMIENTO NACIONAL—JULIO 1936." View on the stamp shows Toledo, with the Alcázar in the background overlooking the city. 45,000 issued:

2 pesetas—orange-brown

Another Miniature Sheet. 4½x5½ inches, 10,000 issued. Consists of a block of four stamps of two designs, all of the same value, 5 cents. Commemorates the 1st Anniversary of the Revolt. Each stamp bears the inscription "CONSELL MUNICIPAL DE VINEBRE," which appears to have been issued by the City Council of Vinebre.

(Joseph Meinardi)

SWITZERLAND—Add these to your 1938 catalog listing:

- #229 a. tete beche pair
- #230 a. tete beche pair

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

SPAIN—Regular Issue. Upright rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 11 and 11½:

A129—45c. carmine

A131—60c. indigo (Fermin Salvochea)

Revolutionary Issues. Issued by the Nationalist Forces. Canary Islands Issues. Air Post Stamps, surcharged in black in five lines "ARRIBA ESPAÑA 18 JULIO 1936 CANARLAS AVION 50 CTS":

A108—50c. on 1c. blue-green

Same surcharge with different values on Revolutionary stamps of 1936:

- R 9—80c. on 2c. orange-brown
- R10—1.25P. on 5c. gray-brown

Surcharged in three lines "CANARIAS CORREO AERO" and new value as noted below:

- A126—80c. on 2c. orange-brown
- A108—1.25P. on 1c. blue-green
- R 9—50c. on 2c. orange-brown
- R 10—80c. on 5c. gray-brown
- R 10—2.50P. on 10c. green

Surcharged "CANARIAS CORREO AERO" plus sign and new value in three lines in black or red as noted below:

- R11—30c. plus 80c. rose (b)
- R11—50c. plus 1.25P. dark blue (f)
- R11—1P. plus 1.25 blue (r)

New Air Post Design. Too elaborate to describe here. To help our readers to identify will say that an airplane is in each upper corner and the wording 1936 Aniversario 1937 just below with the value at the bottom.

- C1—50c. on 5c. brown and ultramarine
- C1—80c. on 5c. green and ultramarine
- C1—1.25P. on 5c. violet and ultramarine

For use in the Northwestern Section. Air Post Stamps. Another new design. Appears to be overprinted in three lines "VIVA ESPANA! CORREO AERO." unwmkd., perf. 11½, upright rectangular format:

RAP7—25c. ultramarine and red
a. Tilde over "N" of "Espana" omitted.

RAP1—25c. gray-green, black and red
a. Tilde over "N" of "Espana" omitted.

Under noted overprinted similar to Scott's #2509 of the 1938 catalog. Two 2P. values are noted as on one the surcharge measures 15mm. high, while on the other, as well as the rest of the values, it is 13mm. high; overprint is in red:

- A100—40c. dark blue
- A114—50c. dark blue
- A130—50c. dark blue
- A100—60c. apple green
- A115—2P. indigo & gray-blue (13mm.)
- A115—2p. indigo & gray-blue (15mm.)

Same as above overprint, but in different style type and larger. Overprinted in either black or blue:

A128—30c. carmine (black)

A128—30c. carmine (blue)

Same as last but still another style of type, though about as large as the last:

A129—30c. carmine-rose (black)

A129—30c. carmine-rose (blue)

Semi-Postal Stamps. Surcharge similar to Scott's #2600 in the 1938 catalog:

A117—30c. on 5c. rose-red

General Issue. Type of 1936. Unwmkd. Perf. 11:

- R11—4P. magenta
- R10—10P. blue

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Rotogravure Printing. Sheets of 240, wmkd. Springbok. Design reengraved, horizontal lines of shading in corners and marginal frame:

½d. green & black

Official Stamps. Under-noted, overprinted at left "OFFISIEEL" and at right "OFFICIAL," in black, type set 20mm apart, letters 2mm high:

- A27—1½d. dark green & gold
- A28—1½d. dark green & gold

(R. Roberts)

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We viewed the new Hawaiian stamps and cannot enthuse about this adhesive. Opinion here is that a better job could be done with the subject matter. A curious thing. On looking on the back of a block of 4 of the Hawaiian stamp we noted that the lines were vertical and were not straight and almost ran off the stamps in a row. These lines or creases, if you may call it that, are produced by the rotary machine as the stamps are fed into it.

Haiti and the Dominican Republic are at it again. A border fight has taken place and reports indicate that 300 persons were killed and as many more were wounded about ten days ago. This reminds us of the trouble quite some years ago when the Dominican Republic in-



cluded part of Haiti on one of their map stamps and it took years to get this ironed out.

A dispatch from Washington reports that our officials there do not view with favor the fact the Guatemalan Government has awarded a contract for printing four new issues of stamps in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the United States Constitution and on one of them our President Roosevelt will be depicted. If United States postal authorities had been consulted beforehand it is stated that the answer would have been "no." A firm in the Netherlands will print the stamps, one of which will bear a map of the American continent, the other a portrait of George Washington and a picture of the Pan American Union building in Washington.

The topic of discussion here is still the doings of the stock market and everybody seemed for a little while to have the "jitters" whether he or she played the market or not. Stamp dealers missed some of their regular customers and explained it by saying that they were probably running around getting more money for margins. As soon as the turmoil dies down we suppose collectors will be back in the safer waters of collecting stamps.

Indignation was expressed here by stamp men because a dealer who held a ticket on a sweepstakes event was the recipient of a fake telegram that advised him he had won a prize. The hopes that rose for a few hours and the let down afterward when the wire was found to be a hoax was sad to contemplate.

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Our Tenth Year

With this issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News we begin our tenth year of publication. That is a long time, yet to us it seems but a sort time ago that the paper was started. When we started publication there were two other weeklies in the field. The oldest and largest had a weekly circulation under 10,000 copies, the other paper had probably much less than half this number.

It was our aggressive drive for circulation that put pep into other papers and even with the start they had, Linn's now has them both outdistanced by thousands of copies weekly. It is our belief that today, Linn's Weekly Stamp News has the largest circulation direct to paid subscribers of any stamp publication in America.

In the past it has been our custom to issue a special edition for this, the first number in our new volume. Changes in our business, incident to the retirement of Don Houseworth and the entry of Bob Richardson as Editor had us in such a mix-up for a short time that any thought of a special issue at this time had to be given up.

In place of the special issue for this number, we are preparing to honor our new editor by issuing a special number for our issue of December 4th. That will be the date of the Annual Party held each year by the Rubber City Stamp Club of Akron, Ohio. This event has become the biggest single National Philatelic Event in America, even larger and more heavily at-

The Stamp Trade

A discussion of Stamp Collecting and Stamp Dealing from the Business angle by the Managing Editor.

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tended than the national conventions of the leading societies, an event that attracts hundreds of collectors from all over the country.

Bob Richardson is the President of the Rubber City Stamp Club at the present time and we feel that a special issue honoring him as well as the club which he has served in this past year will be a fitting tribute to both himself and to the Akron Club.

Hundreds of extra copies of this paper will be distributed at this meeting and dealers who wish space in this issue can place their orders at once. We are happy to say that Ernie Jarvis of the KenMore Stamp Company, has already spoken for a full page for this number and we anticipate many other reservations of extra space.

All dealers using their regular space for this issue should be sure to have copy in at the regular period. For those who wish to have extra and additional space we urge that you supply your copy not later than November 18th.

Miniature Sheets

We believe that Ray Shepard, our secretary, was probably one of the first collectors to begin

collecting these small sheets. Originally they were issued for Stamp Exhibitions and Ray started a collection of them years ago. Today he is the happy possessor of a complete collection of all the Philatelic Issues of both sheets and single stamps. The fad has now become one of the most popular side lines and the demand for the issues has skyrocketed many of them. Even the dealers are specializing them and one of the leaders in the field is F. R. Ferryman of 87 Nassau Street, New York. Mr. Ferryman has an offer of recent issues in this number of our paper and has sent us a very thorough check list of these issues which lists the sheets by number, giving also Scott's numbers, occasion for the issue year, size of sheet, quantity issued and price for mint or used copies. It is the most thorough listing we have yet seen and should be in the hands of everyone interested in these issues.

Open Till Six

A couple weeks ago we stated in this column that we stopped in to see Jack Schildhouse of Cleveland about 5 o'clock and that he had closed up shop and gone home. Now Jack tells us that his advt. in our paper does

not do him much good because nobody reads it, yet he howled right away about our remark as mentioned above because he says the Cleveland Boys might think he closes at five, when as a matter of fact he is open each evening till six p. m.

Complete U. S. List

One of the most complete and thorough price lists of U. S. stamps is that of Spencer Anderson of New York. Besides that, it is a neat small list of nearly 100 pages that fits the pocket and is easy to read. Early U. S. are priced, unused, and used in fine and good copies. The Departments, Dues, Revenues, etc., are included, also Colonial overprints and Canada and Newfoundland, which seem inseparable from U. S.

Copies of the list can be had from Spencer Anderson at 65 Nassau Street, New York.

Gerber Auctions

If the Auction Catalogues issued by Lambert W. Gerber of Tamaqua, Pa., are any indication of the quality of the material he offers, then collectors should be interested, because his catalogues are certainly well prepared and arranged in an attractive manner. Mr. Gerber makes it a point to hold his sales in nearby stamp centers and doubtless helps create much local interest in doing this. His next sale is to be at Wilmington, Del., before the Wilmington Stamp Club in their meeting rooms at the YMCA on Nov. 15th.